

The service is ended. It is 1:05 p.m. in Washington.

My wife and I stand amidst the most powerful people in the world. We have stood beside presidents and princes, prime ministers and leaders of every stripe but that is not what moved us these past two hours. There was the undeniable presence of the Spirit of the Lord in this place and it was a sweet presence.

Karen and I were moved to tears again and again but never so much as when was sung that hymn "The Mansions of the Lord." As the music of that hymn echoed in the exalted ceiling of this place, the casket swept by to our right and tears filled my eyes.

God smiled on this nation when he gave us Ronald Reagan and truly it can be said that the Lord was in this place today. So help me God. -Mike Pence at the National Cathedral